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REMARKS

The office action has required an election of a species under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to which the claims shall be restricted. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection, but elects species with traverse in order to comply with 37 CFR § 1.143.

It is applicant's understanding that this election is being made to aid the Examiner in conducting a search and examination of the claimed subject matter, and is not to be construed as limiting the scope of applicant's claims. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the office action's suggestion that the claims somehow require separate search.

Applicant hereby elects claims 1-69 in species I which is supported by Figure 1. Applicant also notes that claims 1-69 are supported by all of the remaining figures.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned with any further questions.

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CONCLUSION

The present application is now believed to be in condition for examination on the merits. Favorable examination leading to early allowance of this application is earnestly solicited.

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